Florida Fishing Academy
What's in your Environment? 6-8

What is an Environment?

Environment: the surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives.

Some things in your environment are native and others are non-native.

Native: a species (animal, plant, etc.) that normally lives and thrives in a particular environment.

Non-natives: a person, plant or animal that is not native to a particular place.

Sometimes Non-native animals/plants can be harmful to an environment we call those Invasive Species: (referring to animals/plants/diseases) that tend to spread rapidly and undesirably or harmfully.

More on Invasive here: https://www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Wildlife-Guide/Threats-to-Wildlife/Invasive-Species

Here in Florida we have various native and non-native and sometimes invasive species in our environment sometimes even in our backyard.

We would like you to find a spot in your environment- preferably outside. You can take a step right out your front door or look out of your window.

What is around you?

Do you see any animals? Are they eating anything? How are humans and animals changing the environment? Does your environment change during different times of the year?

Find one plant/tree that stands out to you and draw it below. Why did this plant/tree stick out to you?

Do you see any animals in your backyard? Draw what you see below.

Try and do a little research to see what plants or animals you may have found in your backyard and if they are native or not. We'd love to see what you find!

More on Invasive in Florida: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OBUtM10Wo0

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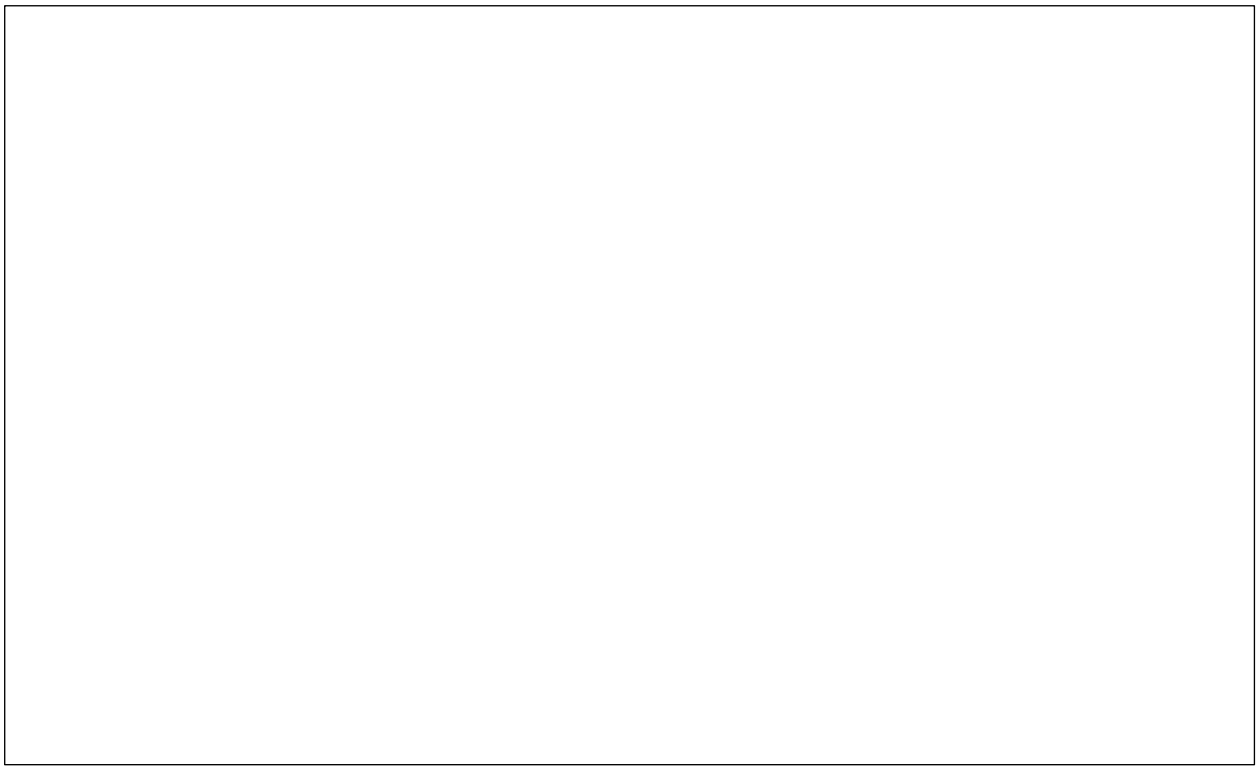
Draw your observations below and share it with us! Please feel free to use additional materials



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